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REFERENCES

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1. [ ] the SS BELINDA left Hong Kong.

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2. [ ] the BELINDA arrived at Swatow. The following four cargo ships and four gunboats, respectively, were at Swatow: NAN HAI 177, CHENG WEI CHIEN (2973/0251/0256), HSIN WEI CHIEN (2450/0251/0256), TE KAO (1795/7559), 3-385, 3-395, 3-562 and 3-572.

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3. [ ] the BELINDA left Swatow.

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4. [ ] the captain of the BELINDA sent someone to the engine room to cause a deliberate stoppage. He then stopped and signaled the warship that he had engine trouble. The warship attempted to sail near the BELINDA to have someone go aboard to check, but rough seas prevented a close approach and the warship left about half an hour later.

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5. [ ] the BELINDA arrived at Woosung and moored at the Whangpoo Dock, Shanghai, at 1140 hours. Along the Whangpoo River there were three LST's, six LSM's, six LCT's, and five cargo ships converted from LST's, which included the HO PING 3, 6, 14 and 19.

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6. [ ] the BELINDA left Shanghai.

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7. [ ] the BELINDA arrived at Tsingtao. At Tsingtao were two LST's, six warships, and three cargo ships: the HO P'ING 8, the HO P'ING 15 and the MIN CHU (3046/0031) 7.

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8. [redacted] crewmen from the BELINDA went to the Tsingtao beach. A large Sunday crowd of Chinese Communist sailors and officers were on the beach. A naval academy was in Tsingtao. At number 4 wharf, which was guarded by a naval guard, were six warships. A large number of wooden cases were piled up on number 3 wharf.

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9. [redacted] the BELINDA left Tsingtao.
10. [redacted] the BELINDA arrived at Dairen. The following ships were at Dairen: one LST; one 1,500-ton warship; a 6,000-ton Soviet oil tanker with the Soviet flag on the stern; and three cargo ships including the HO P'ING 6, TUNG FANG (2639/2455) 21, and TUNG FANG 37.
11. Crewmen going on liberty had to exchange their seamen's certificates for shore permits. Inspection of crewmen leaving the ship was lenient, with sometimes none at all, but upon return the inspection was more severe. The main street was just outside the wharf, and transportation was by bus, carriage and tram car. The city of Dairen was very quiet with few people walking on the streets. Most of the civilians wore blue "liberation uniforms" or white shirts and blue pants. One wharf worker received a monthly salary of JMP 600,000, of which JMP 400,000 was needed for food.
12. MIG's flew over Dairen, singly and in groups of three, every ten minutes or half an hour, evidently on practice flights. The airfield was in northwest Dairen.
13. Few Soviets were on the streets in Dairen, but sometimes they rode along in jeeps. A Soviet, with civilian clothes and a brief case in his hand, did not have enough money to pay his bill after finishing lunch in a small restaurant. The owner argued with him in Russian and sent his boy for public security cadres. A cadre, who had been seated at another table, came up and paid the balance of the bill. The Soviet left with a smile.

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14. [redacted] the BELINDA left Dairen. [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] it arrived at Swatow for loading and unloading cargo.

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15. [redacted] the BELINDA left Swatow [redacted] 25X1  
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